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By: Teresa Anderson
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CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/508,891, filed on 2 June 2000 entitled METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL GENES AND THERAPEUTIC TARGETS.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 32 pages of specification, 20 claims, 1 page of abstract, 4 sheets of drawings, and 4 pages of oath or declaration.
 The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. The filing fee is calculated below:

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CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 20	0	x	\$9.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 5	2	x	\$42.00	\$84.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$375.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	\$459.00

Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

4. Payment of fees:

Attached is a check in the amount of \$459.00
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.

6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 "This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/508,891, filed 2 June 2000, which is a 371 of PCT/CA98/00893, filed 21 September 1998, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."

7. A set of formal drawings (4 sheets) is enclosed.

8. Priority of application Serial No. 2,215,870, filed on 19 September 1997, in Canada, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/508,891, filed 2 June 2000.

9. The prior application is assigned of record to Universite Laval located at Cite Universitaire, Quebec, Quebec G1K 7P4 Canada

10. The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:
 Merchant & Gould P.C.
 Minneapolis, MN 55402-2215

11. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
 Fee for excess claims is attached.

12. A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until 25 August 2003. A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.

13. The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:

14. A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.

15. Also Enclosed: Application Data Sheet, Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, Communication regarding Sequence Listing, Communication Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e), Paper Copy of Sequence Listing, International Publication Page

16. Address all future communications to the **Attention of Gregoy A. Sebald** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.

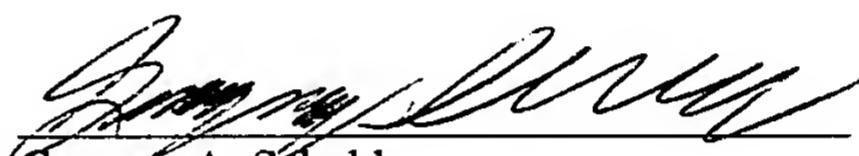
17. A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: 25 August 2003


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Applicant: LEVESQUE ET AL. Examiner: B. SISSON
Serial No.: 09/508,891 Group Art Unit: 1655
Filed: JUNE 2, 2000 Docket No.: 9555.96USWO
Title: METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL GENES AND
THERAPEUTIC TARGETS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6: I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at number 703.872.9307 on 25 August 2003.

By: 
Name: Heidi Hanson

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed 25 February 2003, said period of response being extended from 25 May 2003, to 25 August 2003.

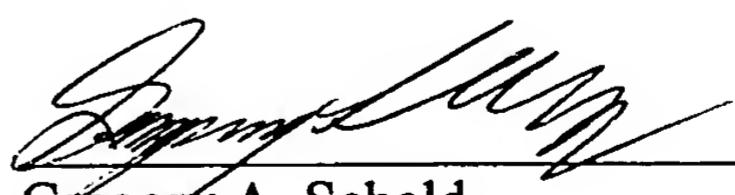
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